

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2219 - HB 2705

March 14, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (015716): Authorizes municipalities, counties, and counties having a metropolitan form of government to regulate smoking and the use of vapor products, including prohibiting, by passing a resolution or ordinance, in age-restricted venues that are not retail tobacco stores or cigar bars.

Defines a “cigar bar” as a legal establishment that:

- Holds a valid license or permit for the on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages;
- Has generated a portion of its total annual gross income from the on-site sale of cigars and the rental of humidors;
- Does not knowingly sell products or services, or permit entrance to the premises, to a person who is less than twenty-one (21) years of age; and
- Does not permit vaping or the smoking of products other than cigars on the premises;

Defines a “retail tobacco store” as a retail store that derives the majority of its revenue for the sale of tobacco products and accessories.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Authorizing certain local entities to regulate smoking and the use of vapor products at certain types of age-restricted venues is estimated to have no significant impact on the amount of smoking or vapor products purchased and consumed within the state, but rather where such smoking or vaping products are consumed.
- Any permissive impact on local revenue and expenditures associated with such regulation is unknown. However, it is assumed that local entities will accommodate any regulatory framework within their existing resources.
- No significant fiscal impact on state or local government.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation could impact business activity in certain types of age-restricted venues if local governments elect to regulate smoking and the use of vapor products within such establishments.
- However, any impact on the overall business activity is estimated to be not significant. No impact on jobs in this state.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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